

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lewis County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on **August 22, 2011**, at 6:00 pm, at the Winlock Community Building, 607 NW Kerron Ave, Winlock, WA to consider a **Resolution Calling Special Election for a Port of Winlock Formation Proposition**. A summary of the proposed Resolution is as follows:

Section 1 contains findings whether the formation of the Port of Winlock is in the public interest.

Section 2 calls a special election for a proposition to form the Port of Winlock to be held on November 8, 2011.

Section 3 specifies the form of the ballot proposition.

Section 4 provides that the initial three (3) port commissioners shall be elected at large at the same election.

Section 5 calls for the Lewis County Auditor to give notice of the election.

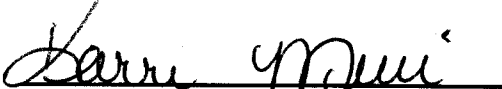
Section 6 calls for the election to be conducted in accordance with state law.

Section 7 provides that the Port of Winlock, if formed, would be responsible for election costs.

Section 8 directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of the resolution to the Lewis County Auditor.

The full text of the Resolution may be viewed at www.lewiscountywa.gov. A paper copy will be sent upon request. For more information, please contact: Clerk of the Board Karri Muir (360)740-1419 or karri.muir@lewiscountywa.gov

ALL THOSE INTERESTED are welcome to attend. **(Please note that the hearing start times are estimates and may be impacted by the amount of prior public input).**



Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board
LEWIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OFFICE

NOTE: Lewis County does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Individuals who require accommodations should contact staff in the Commissioners' Office at (360) 740-1120 OR TDD (360) 740-1480. (Please provide five (5) business days notice for interpreter services.)

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Notification: public notification

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

**CALLING FOR A SPECIAL
ELECTION FOR THE PORT
OF WINLOCK FORMATION
PROPOSITION**

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Resolution No. 11-_____

WHEREAS, RCW 53.04.023 authorizes an effort to create a less-than-countywide port district by the filing with the County Auditor of a petition signed by voters residing within the proposed port district equal in number to at least 10 percent of such voters who voted at the last county general election and calling for the creation of such a port district.

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2011 such a petition was filed with the County Auditor for formation of a port district to be known as the Port of Winlock, with boundaries coextensive with those of the Winlock School District #232 and to be governed by a three-member port commission with members elected at large; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2011 the County Auditor issued a Certificate of Sufficiency with respect to the petition; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 53.04.023, this Board has today held a public hearing to determine whether or not formation of such a port district would be in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Findings. The Board finds that formation of the Port of Winlock with boundaries coextensive with those of Winlock School District #232 would be in the public interest. Therefore, the voters should be given an opportunity to approve or reject port formation in accordance with RCW 53.04.023.

2. Special Election Called. A special election is called on November 8, 2011 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors, for their approval or rejection, a proposition to form the Port of Winlock.

3. Proposition. The proposition to be submitted to the electorate shall be in the following form, with any such modifications as may be required by the Lewis County Prosecuting Attorney:

PORT OF WINLOCK FORMATION

This measure proposes the formation of a port district to be known as the Port of Winlock with the same boundaries as Winlock School District #232 and a board consisting of three port commissioners elected at large. Should the Port of Winlock be created?

Port of Winlock Yes _____

Port of Winlock No _____

4. Port Commissioners Election. In accordance with RCW 53.04.023, initial port commissioners shall be elected at-large at the same election, provided that the election of commissioners shall be null and void if the port district is not formed.

5. Notice of Election. Notice of the election shall be given by the Lewis County Auditor as provided in RCW 29A.32.260 and/or 29A.52.351. The notice of election shall state the boundaries of the proposed port district and the object of the election.

6. Conduct of Election. The election shall be conducted by the Lewis County Auditor in accordance with chapter 53.04 RCW and the general election laws of the State, and the results thereof shall be canvassed by the Lewis County Canvassing Board.

7. Election Cost. In accordance with RCW 53.04.023, if formed, the Port of Winlock shall repay the County all expenses of the election for the formation of the port district.

8. Transmittal to Auditor. Upon approval, the Clerk of the Board of Lewis County Commissioners is authorized and directed promptly to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Lewis County Auditor.

ADOPTED this 22nd day of August, 2011.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

JONATHAN MEYER, Prosecuting Attorney

By: _____

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ron Averill, Chairman

P.W. Schulte, Member

F. Lee Grose, Member

ATTEST:

Karri Muir, Clerk of the Board